

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0059] with the following amended paragraph:

[0059] As shown in Fig. 15, a first split conduit 40a defining a first split inner surface 42a and a first split outer surface 44a and a second split 46a conduit defining a second split inner surface 48a and a second split outer surface 50a can also be used with the first and second split inner surfaces 42a, 48a having friction members 128, such as tack welds, attached thereto. In this latter embodiment, it has been found that only one U-shaped bolt (discussed below) is required and the friction members 128 gouge into the ~~first~~second conduit ~~46-18~~ to help resist compression.